

HARLES by the Grace of God, King of great Britaine, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. To

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our Sheriffs, in that part conjunctly and severally specially constitute greeting. Forasmuch as in our Parliament holden at Edinburgh upon the Twentie eighth day of June, 1633. the three Estates of our Kingdome of Scotland being assembled, having taken to their consideration the many blessings which this nation doth enjoy under our most wise, happie, and peaceable government, whereof each Estate is most sensible, our Royall zeale for propagating the Gospel of Jesus Christ, our care for providing sufficient maintenance for the Clergie, our extraordinarie pains taken for uniting the dis-jointed members of this common-wealth, and extirping of all roots of discords, relieving the oppressed, and with so even and fatherly a hand curing the wounds of this common-wealth, as the wisest eye can finde no blemish in the temper of all our royall actions; and lastly, the great comfort they have by enjoying of our presence, pains taken, and expences disbursed by Us in this our journey, Have made a free and willing offer of one yearly extraordinarie taxation of the sixteenth pennie of all annuall rents which any person or persons within this our said Kingdome have freely due and payable to them yearly or termly (their owne annuall rents wherein they are adebted to others being first deducted) The first termes payment whereof is to be and begin at the feast and terme of Martinmasse in the year of God, 1634. and so forth yearly and termly at Martinmasse and Whitsunday for the space of six years, untill the said six years and twelve termes payment thereof be full and completely out-run. And whereas We and Our Estates have by act of the said Parliament authorised all and sundrie heretable sheriffs, stewards, bayliffs, and bayliffs of regalities, and their deputes, and the Provests and bayliffs of free burrows within the bounds of their jurisdictions, as likewise the clerks within the jurisdictions where these offices are not heretable (which Clerks have their offices *ad vitam*) To collect the said extraordinarie taxation, and to make payment thereof to the Collector generall to be appointed by Us for receiving of the same. Therefore, and for inbringing of the termes payment of the said extraordinarie taxation, Our other letters are direct, charging all and sundrie heretable sheriffs, stewards, bayliffs, and bayliffs of regalities, their deputes and clerks, and the Provests and bayliffs of free burrows and their clerks, As likewise the clerks within the jurisdictions where these offices are not heretable, That they and everie one of them dwelling by North the river of Dee within the space of fifteene daies after the said terme of *Michaelmas* in the year of God 1633 years, And that they and everie one of them dwelling be south the river of Dee within the space of ten daies after the said terme, deliver to

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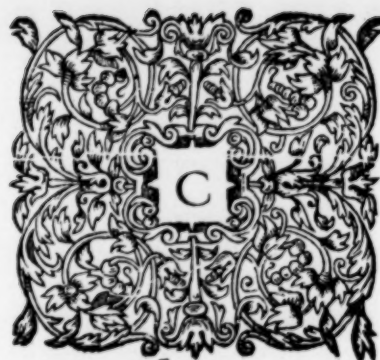


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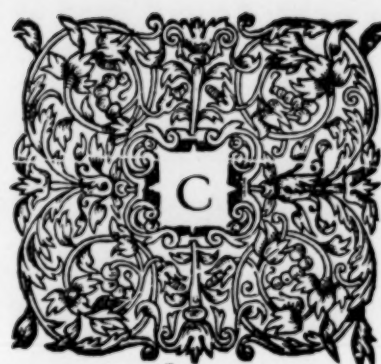
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